

BURLESON WANTS MERIT SYSTEM FOR FOUR AIDES

Recommendations that not only all postmasters but the four assistant postmasters general in Washington be placed under the executive civil service are contained in the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, made public today.

The Postmaster General is in favor of the executive order providing for the appointment of all postmasters under the merit system, but he favors legislation that will go further and give them a permanent tenure during efficiency. He would make the places at the top available to all employees by putting the assistant postmasters general permanently under civil service.

Views of Mr. Burleson.

In this connection the Postmaster General says: "To further eliminate partisan politics from the postal service, to recognize merit and efficiency, it is again recommended that the necessary legislation be enacted to include in the classified civil service the position of postmaster at Presidential offices; and to extend and perfect the efficiency system obtaining in the Postoffice Department proper at Washington it is also recommended that the positions of Assistant Postmasters General and that of purchasing agent of the Postoffice Department be included in the classified civil service."

He also recommends that the department be authorized to bond its own employees, to protect more adequately the Government and to afford relief to the officers and employees of the postal service.

Government ownership of the telegraphs and telephones is again recommended, on the ground that recent developments have made it imperative that such a course be no longer delayed.

Postmaster General Burleson is emphatic in his disapproval of the organization of postal employees. He recommends repeal of the act permitting such organization on the ground that they maintain representatives in Washington to influence legislation and present grievances, many of which are imaginary. He declares that they have a bad effect upon discipline.

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Enrollment of 475 army war nurses for immediate service with the fighting forces was begun today in response to an emergency call from the War Department.

It was declared by Miss Dora E. Thompson, superintendent of the army nurse corps, that in the course of the next year 20,000 nurses probably would be needed for army service at home and abroad. Three thousand five hundred nurses have already been assigned to duty with the army and 1,500 of this number are now in France.

An effort is being made to get the names of nurses who could respond to a call on short notice. Of 13,000 Red Cross nurses enrolled, the majority of them have not reported as available for immediate duty.

SAW U-BOAT DESTROYED.

Members of the crew of a Belgian steamship that has arrived at an Atlantic port confirmed one report recently published that an American destroyer dropped a depth bomb over the place where a German submarine had disappeared off the Irish coast and forced her to the surface. The Belgians saw the U-boat destroyed.

ARMY TO "PLUCK" MEN FROM CAMPS FOR AIR SERVICE

Every national guard and national army camp will be visited this month by medical officers to examine men for service in the aviation section of the signal corps. The War Department today assigned army surgeons to all of the camps to examine applicants for the air fleet being formed for the army.

In every cantonment and national guard camp there will soon be a surplus of men over the required number to compose the divisions to be formed. These men, and those especially adapted for flying or for mechanical duties in the signal corps, are being "plucked" by Major General Squier, chief signal officer, to make up the air fleet that will be necessary to man the airplanes now in the course of manufacture.

Men selected at the camps and cantonments will be sent to the signal corps training schools for intensive training before their dispatch to France.

P. O. EMPLOYEES TO TAKE FIGHT BACK TO CONGRESS

A sharp battle is ahead at this session of Congress between organizations of postal employees and Postmaster General Burleson.

Last session was marked by a clash of this kind and it will be followed this session by more trouble.

Numerous echoes of the difficulty were heard in Buffalo at the time of the A. F. of L. convention. Protectors were made there because of the efforts of Mr. Burleson to have the law repealed which gives postal and other government employees the right to petition Congress and to organize.

Mr. Burleson will endeavor at this session to obtain the repeal of the law, which the postal employees call the "anti-union law." On the other hand, the postal employees, led by Thomas F. Flaherty of the National Federation of Postal Employees, will make a determined effort to have the law kept on the statute books.

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DYNAMITE NEAR AQUEDUCT.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 6.—National guardsmen believe they foiled an attempt to destroy the aqueduct at Orville by the discovery of 100 sticks of dynamite near the concrete wall. The dynamite, thirty-six pounds in all, was turned over to the county superintendent of highways. Wrecking of the aqueduct would have smothered farms along a sixty-mile front and interrupted the New York Central tracks, the main artery of traffic between the Central States and Atlantic ports.

Special Extraordinary in the Art Needlework Department for Friday only

200 Hand-Embroidered Finished Sample Art Goods Models, On Sale at Exactly Cost Price 60c to \$9.00

One of the dominating features of our Friday Bargain Day will be the sale of 200 beautiful Hand-embroidered Finished Sample Art Goods Models that have been on display during the season and having served their purpose are now offered as an extraordinary Friday special at cost price—60c to \$9.00. It would be difficult to estimate the value of these handsome articles or to describe the exquisite needlework on them.

Included in the assortment are Towels, Lunch Sets, Combing Jackets, Gowns, Library Scarfs, Boudoir Scarfs, Children's Articles, Bed Spreads, Table Covers, Tea Sets, &c. &c.

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\$5 and \$6.50 High Grade Corsets, \$3.39

Back and front lace models, made of French coutil and fancy brocade, low, medium and high bust and long hips. Sizes 19 to 26. Special for Friday only. \$3.39. Third Floor.

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\$1.10 and \$1.15 Khaki Yarn, Friday at \$1 and \$1.10

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65c to \$1.25 Stamped Art Goods at 55c each.

A large assortment of Stamped Goods consisting of Combination Suits, Undershirts, Combing Jackets, Lunch Cloths, 12-piece Lunch Sets, Cushions, Scarfs, etc. Special for Friday in our Art Needlework Dept.

Regular \$8 Ladies' Desk, Friday, \$6.75

In mahogany finish; with drawer; wood pulp. Special for Friday at \$6.75. Fourth Floor.

\$22.50 High Back Rocker Friday at \$18.50

Taylor High Back Comfort Rocker, in mahogany finish, with tapestry spring seat. Special for Friday at \$18.50. Fourth Floor.

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Tomorrow, 12½c and up to 87½c

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300 Pairs of Women's Knit Slippers That Sell Regularly at 75c SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY At 65c Pair

Made with Lamb's Wool soles in all colors and various color combinations. Sizes 3 to 7. Special for Friday only at 65c. Art Goods Dept., Street Floor.

39c Quality Plain White Poplin, Friday, Yard, 29c

—15 yds. in this lot. Special for Friday only at 29c yd. Second Floor.

\$1.10 "Wearwell" Bed Sheets, Friday, 90c

—43x55 in. Wearwell Bleached Bed Sheets—no dyeing. Special at 90c. Second Floor.

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A Wonderful Timely Purchase and Sale for Friday of Several Lots of Women's Voile Blouses That Are Usually Priced Around \$4 \$1.95

Smart, desirable styles—clean, fresh and new in every respect. Trimmed with French val laces and embroidery. Some are hand-embroidered. Think! Values run up to \$4. Specially priced for Friday at \$1.95.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

High Grade Women's Coats Special Friday at \$32.50

Garments that would ordinarily sell at \$35 up to \$39 and even higher.

There are many very distinctive garments in this assortment; the materials include the favored wool velours, broadcloth and novelty plushes. All richly lined; all of them have big, luxurious collars of fur. All colors are to be found in the assortment. Friday at \$32.50.

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Of Georgette and Crepe de Chine; also some in Net, Flaid and Stripe Satins and Taffetas.

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Values to \$1 Lace Trimmed Bureau Scarfs, 59c

—in size 18x51 inches; five good designs to select from. Special for Friday only at 59c. Second Floor.

\$3.50 Turkish Bath Sheets, Friday, \$2

—2 only—double thread, hemmed end Bath Sheets of unusual quality—in size 54x76. Special for Friday only at \$2 each. Second Floor.

\$1.75 Double Bed Crochet Spreads, \$1.50

—subject to slight stains, otherwise perfect qualities that would sell regularly at \$1.75. 15 only in the lot. Friday Special at \$1.50. Second Floor.

\$1.25 Baby Blankets, Friday Only, \$1 Each

—in size 24x36; fancy baby blankets in blue and pink figures. Special Friday only at \$1 each. Second Floor.

\$2 Damask Center Table Tops, \$1.25

—43 inch round damask center Table Tops, trimmed with linen lace. Regular \$2 qualities; special for Friday only at \$1.25. Second Floor.

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Of Hannelette; neatly fitting Dressing Sacques, with gathers at waist line. Sizes 38 to 44, in gray, blue, rose, etc. Bargain Basement.

25c Yard Curtain Nets, Friday, 18c

White or cream, with neat pattern centers. Special for Friday only at 18c. Bargain Basement.

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Large assortment of patterns in remnants of good lengths, some in full bolts. Friday at the yard. Bargain Basement.

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\$7.50 to \$10 Value Portieres, Strip, \$3.19

Tapestry, chenille or Sunfast poplin portieres for single or double doors. Special for Friday only. strip, \$3.19. Second Floor.

\$4 to \$8 Sunfast Draperies, Set, \$2.95

Sunfast Draperies in all the latest colors and patterns. Many in the lot have valance for door or window draperies. Special for Friday only. \$2.95 set. Second Floor.

School Dresses, Special Friday at \$2.88

Made of good wearing worsted plaids and checks; neatly tailored and trimmed with silk and braid trimmings; some with self or leather belt. Sizes 6 to 12 years. Third Floor.

Babies' Dresses at 39c Each

Made of nainsook in Bishop style; with lace edging at neck and sleeves. In sizes up to 3 years. Special for Friday at 39c. Third Floor.

Children's Rompers and Creepers Special Friday 59c

—in white, checks and plain colors; neatly made with white collar and cuffs. Special for Friday at 59c. Third Floor.

Values to \$2.98

Odd Lot of Children's Hats and Tams, \$1

Becoming styles for Children up to 14 years. Made of velvet, felt, plush and corduroy. This season's best selling styles, special for Friday at \$1.

\$1.98 Values in a Special Lot of Short Kimonos, at \$1.29

Made of best quality corduroy, in bright and shades; ribbon bound. Special for Friday only. \$1.29. Third Floor.

19c and 25c Qualities Children's Hose, 12½c

Broken assortment of Children's Black, White and Colored Hose special for Friday at 12½c pair. Street Floor.

75c Qualities Children's Hose, at 49c

Broken assortment of Fine Quality Lisle and Silk Hose in black, white, pink, sky and tan. Special for Friday at 49c pair. Street Floor.

Slightly Irregular Qualities of 85c Grade Women's Hose at 59c Pair

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